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Corps announces recreational craft lockage schedule

Walla Walla, Wash. – A seasonal schedule for recreational craft to be passed up- and down-stream through the lower Snake River navigation locks will go into effect May 15, according to an operations division official at the Walla Walla District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The seasonal recreation craft lock schedule is a continuation of a program started several years ago for water and energy conservation. The schedule will be in effect May 15-Sept. 15, according to Wayne John, the District's chief of operations.

The schedule includes lockages five times daily spaced about every three hours apart through Ice Harbor Dam near the Tri-Cities, Lower Monumental Dam near Kahlotus, Little Goose Dam near Starbuck and Lower Granite Dam near Pomeroy. Upstream lockages will begin at 9 a.m. and downstream lockages will begin at 9:30 a.m., for a total of 10 lockages a day at each site. Upstream lockages will be at 9 a.m., noon, 3, 6 and 9 p.m. Downstream lockages will be at 9:30 a.m., 12:30, 3:30, 6:30 and 9:30 p.m.

Commercial traffic will be locked through upon demand. Whenever possible, and at the discretion of the lock master, recreational vessels may be locked through with commercial craft if safety and other conditions permit. Groups and flotillas can be granted special lockages outside regular schedules, with prior arrangement and coordination completed in advance.

To request a special lockage at Ice Harbor or Lower Monumental, call Randall Ryan at (509) 547-7781. To request a special lockage at Little Goose or Lower Granite, call Charlie Krahenbuhl at (509) 751-0250. For more information, call Ann Glassley in the District's Operations Division at (509) 527-7115, Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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